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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☒ Continuation☐ Divisional☐ Continuation-in-Partapplication of prior pending Application No. 09/960,719, filed September 24, 2001,For (Title): EXTERNAL PIPE WELDING APPARATUSBy (Inventors): William Eli. MARHOFER (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada), Shell SANFORD (Jacksonville, Texas), John CRAIG (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada) and Tim FLYNN (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)

1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
- ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

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ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW**

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x 84	\$
+280	\$
TOTAL	\$ 750

3. ☒ A Check in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is attached.
4. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
5. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/960,719 filed September 24, 2001. The disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
7. ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-18) are attached.

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8. ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2,322,736 filed October 10, 2000 in Canada is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
9. ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/960,719 on September 11, 2003.
10. ☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is attached.
11. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
12. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.--
13. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to O.J. Pipelines Canada recorded at Reel 012398, Frame 0357 on December 26, 2001.
14. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
15. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
16. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
17. ☐ Small entity status:
18. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
19. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the application is to:

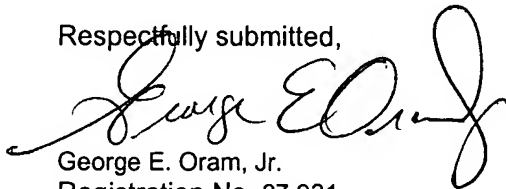
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